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In response to reftel, Econoff delivered points to Michelle McGillivray, Senior Policy Officer at New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFAT) responsible for UNGA Third Committee and Human Rights Issues. MFAT's response made clear that New Zealand will not support the "no action" motions and will work to defeat these two procedural moves during the UN General Assembly's Third Committee which seek to block the earlier resolutions condemning human rights abuses in Iran and Belarus. MFAT explained that as co-sponsor of the Canadian led resolution critical of Iran, it is actively seeking support among Pacific Island nations. As to the U.S. sponsored resolution critical of Belarus, MFAT has not been proactive with Pacific Island nations but will convey the U.S. concerns to its team in New York.